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An Exact and True

RELATION

OF THE

Present Posture of AFFAIRS in

IRELAND.

Giving an Account of the Designs of the Late King *JAMES* and His Army. Published for General satisfaction, by a Gentleman belonging to the Bishop of *Londonderry*, that was taken Prisoner by King *JAMES* his Men, and since made his escape from *Dublin* the 26th of *June* last, and arriv'd at *London* on Tuesday last, being the 2d of this Instant *July*, 1689.

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WE have this Relation, by a Gentleman who was taken Prisoner at *Londonderry* by some of King *James's* Men the eighteenth of *April* last, and from thence carried to *Dublin* by a strong Guard, where he was forced to give in 5000 l Security for his Appearance every day at the Castle: But seeing that King *James* had so good Intelligence every day from *England*, he perswaded his Bail to come for *England*; who thereupon left *Dublin* the 26th of *June*, in a small Wherry, with only two Boatmen; and arriving at *Mossey* the 29th of the same Month came to *London* the 2d instant. Who certainly affirms: That Collonel *Kirk* has been in the River of *Londonderry* for three weeks past; but could not get in by reason of some Floats of Timber which the Enemy has sunk at *Brook-Hall*.

That about the first of *June* the Royal Regiment marched from *Dublin* towards *Londonderry*, where they

intended to do great Feats; but the Garrison bravely sallying out, killed every Man of them, except only two Lieutenants, who escaped on Horse-back; In pursuing of whom, the Besieged got a brave Prey of Three Hundred Cows, and other Provisions: The next day the Enemy sent to have leave to bury their Dead, which was granted; in the mean time, while they were at work, Collonel *Walker* had occasion to send a Message to the Enemies General, by a Captain of the Garrison; after he had deliver'd his Message, and was returning back, one of the French Officers drew his sword, and vowed that he would revenge his Friends Blood upon the Rogue, and immediately run him through the Back, and killed him. The Town had immediate News of the said Murder, and Sallyed out, upon which the Enemy, according to their old Custom, took to their Heels.

As for *Iniskilling*, if they could be provided with Ammunition, it would hold.

hold out for Twelve Months; for they have all the Cows, Sheep, and Salt, that was in the Three Neighbouring Counties: They have made two very Large Redoubts, inclosing all the Island, that was about the Town; so that they have Grass enough under the Command of their Guns, to keep their Horses; which consists of 1500, their Foot of 5000. The Enemy never made any Attempt there, only upon their March to *Londonderry*, they thought to have taken it in by the way, but were defeated with the Loss of Four Pieces of Cannon, and 15 Barrels of Powder, and Shot equal, which they had not time to Plant; for the Besieged Sallied out, and took their Cannon, with the Loss only of Ten men; and kill'd 40 of the Enemy.

The Protestants of *Dublin* and *Drogheda* live pretty peaceably; but all the Country besides, though they have Protections, yet nevertheless they are daily Robb'd, Plundered and abused by the Soldiers and Rabble: And when complaint is made, they have no satisfaction.

The Earl of *Tyrconnel* is out of all Employment, and hath betook himself to a private Lodging at *Chappel-Lizard*; Collonel *Mackarty* finding King *James* kinder to the *French* than to the *Irish*, said one day in a Tavern, That he would lay down his Commission, rather than be subjected to the *French*. Next morning somebody told King *James*, who immediately sent for him; who, instead of denying, or excusing what he had said, added much more: So that he intreated the King so much against him, that he disposed of all his Employments to the *French*; He was Major-General of the Army, Governor of *Cork*, and Collonel of a Regiment of Horse: this happened upon the 16th of June; the 17th, in the evening, he went out of Town on

Horse-back with one Servant towards *Kilmanan*, it was thought he went to *Chappel-Lizard* to *Tyrconnel*. The Lord *Brittas* being much in favour with the King, was unfortunately at the *Globe Tavern* upon *Cork-Hill* with some *French* Officers, somebody came into the Room, and gave an account that there was an Express arrived from *France*, giving an account of Queen *Mary's* being with Child; but it was his ill luck to say, That if she was with Child, it was got by the *French* King: next morning it came to King *James's* ear, who immediately sent for him, and turned him out of his Command, as Collonel of Foot, and gave it to a *French* Captain before his face, upon which my Lord went immediately into the Country, and will not return any more, it is thought.

Their whole Army of *Ireland*, besides them that are in the Garisons, consists of but 15000 Foot, and 5000 Horse and Dragoons, such as they are. There is at the Siege of *Derry* 9000 Foot, and 2000 horse, the rest is all scattered up and down. There is Coin d in *Dublin* Shillings and Sixpences of Copper, with the *Cross* and *Crown* in the middle on the one side, and *James Rex* on the other.

All the old Furnaces and Brewing-Kettles are called in by Order, and those they make this Coin of; for before this Invention, they had no way of Paying their Army.

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